

formation of the first and second layers being at least 500°C, and the first layer being formed so as to contain an amount of the element equal to one of zero and an amount less than the amount of the element contained in the second layer; and

cooling from the formation temperature at least to 450°C with a cooling speed of at least 30°C/minute.--

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable consideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.


Claims 24-28 and 61-83 are presented for examination. Claims 24, 25, 73 and 83 are in independent form. Claim 83 has been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Support for this change can be found in the original application as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Newly added Claim 83 is believed to be directed to the invention of Group II, which was elected in Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement.

Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits.

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